

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

If, however at step 14, it was determined that the cell details have not previously been stored, the method proceeds via route NO and [[add]] adds the current cell details to the store at step 20.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Upon adding the current cell details, it is determined at step 22 whether the total number of cells whose details have been stored exceeds a threshold value. Advantageously, the threshold value is determined such that the number of cells [[who's]] whose details are to be checked at subsequent turn on of the handset is limited such that the total checking time is in the region of 0.5 seconds. In the present example, the threshold value is set at 20.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The handset then determines whether network acquisition can be achieved on the basis of one of the stored cells. At step 28, a first of the stored cells is checked. If this stored cell does not allow for acquisition then the procedure continues to step 30 where it is determined whether or not all stored cells have been checked. If not all stored cells have been checked, then the cell to be checked is incremented at step 32 and the next cell then checked at step 28. If at step 28 it is found that the network can be acquired on the basis [[if]] of the cell last checked, the network camping and acquisition is concluded at steps 34 and 40. If at step 30 it is determined that all cells have been searched, then a full cell search in the hope of achieving network ~~opposition~~ acquisition in the normal manner is initiated at step 36, and omitting those cells already checked at step 28. If at step 36 a full cell search is initiated, it is then determined at step 38 whether a network is found. If so, the procedure continues via steps 34 and 40. However, if a network is

not found at step 38, the procedure follows the NO route to initiate an out of coverage procedure at step 42.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention therefore advantageously allows the "known cell" mode to operate in more than one location. In storing the cell details at handset turn off for a number of instances of handset turn off - eliminating any duplicate details - the details of cells where the handset user is likely to turn off his phone, and thus of where he is likely to turn it on again, are readily available.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Of course, real world use is not limited to simple trips as shown above. However, for most users, if we store a small number of sets of cell information, most locations at which they are likely to turn on their handsets are covered. As noted above however, it is prudent to limit the number of sets of cell details stored - if the list is too long then the time taken to check it becomes excessive and a full search might as well be run. However, the details of the number of cells that can be checked in, for example, half a second can be readily stored. Also, if the known cell method fails and a full search has to be run the user would not notice this small additional time. Using current radios it is possible to check about 20 cells in this time and such number of cells is enough to accommodate the regular routes of most travelers.